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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

FROM:
Acting Chief, Okinawa Bureau

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - July 1987

I. GENERAL

A. We received the first official document confirming that the Government of Japan will pay a larger share of Master Labor Contract (MLC) local pay costs starting last 1 June. The precise impact on bureau funds will not become clear until we have gone through a full-year budget cycle, but initially it appears that we will save at least \$3,000 to \$4,000 monthly in "normal" months. Larger savings will occur when FBIS MLC employees retire, since the GOJ evidently picks up more than half of the large retirement severance payments, and in "bonus months" three times a year, since bonuses add a total of 4.9 months of pay to base pay. We reviewed our FY-87 budget and offered \$285,000 in givebacks to Hqs EPS, most of it MLC pay, and reduced our FY-88 budget update because of the new GOJ contribution and reduced housing recapitalization program requests. Throughout July the yen exchange rate hovered near 148 to \$1.00, even exceeding 151 one day, but the rate remains unpredictable.

B. U.S. military units on Okinawa weathered a fair amount of bad press in July, starting with an announced reduction in force of 303 Japanese local employees at Marine Corps clubs effective 30 September that drew protests and demonstrations, a fly-in to Kadena AFB by 11 B-52 bombers and 4 tanker aircraft from Guam seeking typhoon shelter for 3 days, an accidental "bombing" that disabled a Malaysian freighter with an unarmed practice bomb by Navy F-18's exercising off Okinawa, and a water crash landing by an A-6 Navy intruder aircraft early in July, with both crewmen escaping unhurt. We declined a request from FEN-TV Channel 8, the local AFRTS television station, to do a video-documentary feature on the bureau--perhaps to offset the bad news--for the usual reasons.

C. FBIS and military units on Okinawa went to Typhoon Condition 1-Emergency for the first time this summer on 14 July, when Typhoon Thelma passed by about 165 nautical miles away, pushing winds up to only about 40 knots at the bureau, and dropping almost no rain on Okinawa (the month's total in fact was only 1 inch, far below the average of 8.5 inches). Bureau operations continued without disruption from Thelma, which later killed more than 200 South Koreans, injured many more, and left thousands of Koreans homeless with its heavy rains and flooding.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Two new Japanese/Korean monitors hired from Seoul entered on duty in July, bringing our Japanese/Korean Unit to its highest staffing level since Seoul Bureau was established. [] arrived 6 July and [] on 27 July to begin training, nearly one year after recruiting and testing began in Seoul. We now have six Japanese-qualified monitors in the unit, counting the trainees, of whom five are also Korean-qualified to back up Seoul Bureau in emergencies.

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2. Chinese Unit shift supervisor [] was honored as the only FBIS Asian bureau foreign national employee to be chosen for the 1987 Headquarters orientation week in September. [] with FBIS since 1969, will be making his first ever trip to the United States, where his oldest son will enter college this fall at Renneslaer Institute.

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3. The summer editorial turnover ended with the arrival of Editor [] from Headquarters on 17 July and the departure of Senior Editor [] on 28 July PCS to Headquarters, where he will take over the Far East Branch of the DR on 24 August.

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4. Renovations to create a new, larger Chinese television monitoring booth from the former Vietnamese monitors' two booths were completed in late July, just in time to use the new facilities to cover Beijing's live relay of the 1 August People's Liberation Army 60th anniversary rally. The larger booth has two TV-monitoring positions and a patch board for video dubbing, separate monitoring of live and recorded tapes, and still photography in one place.

5. Bureau observations on changes in Moscow Mandarin and Moscow Radio Peace and Progress Mandarin and Mongolian broadcasts formed the basis for an Analysis Group backgrounder in July. Former Moscow Mandarin transmissions to "Southeast Asia" are no longer declared as such but "for Chinese listeners." With MOD approval, we now use Moscow International Service in Mandarin for all of these Moscow casts.

B. Cruising

Okinawa's staff cruiser [] departed 6 July for Bangkok to take over the TDY responsibilities for Bangkok's ROSET facilities from [] who departed Bangkok himself on 16 July for Headquarters and MOD. Okinawa will operate without a staff cruiser until [] arrives in late September, with chief monitor [] supervising the unit until then. Cruising attention in July focused on updates of Seoul domestic and international service schedules and frequencies and Pyongyang's international service in Korean to the ROK and Japan.

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C. Communications

Okinawa assumed primary telex relay responsibilities for Far Eastern bureaus on 27 July on a full-time basis, replacing Seoul, which has reduced its staffing hours, on recommendation of Hqs. []

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D. Lateral Services

A career-long user of FBIS materials at the 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, based at Kadena AFB, Lt. Col. T. Stoll, had the 18th's extensive FBIS DAILY REPORT subscription cancelled on his retirement as operations intelligence officer. He said he would seek a personal subscription to continue graduate studies. We expedited shipment of a Moscow TV tape on Soviet submarine operations by using the "Cities" military express mail route, at MOD request. A series of Beijing TV features on the People's Liberation Army tied to the PLA 60th anniversary drew special orders from bureau VSLs.

E. Technical

A shipment of 55 20- and 30-foot beverage antenna poles was received in July to enable us to complete renovation of all seven beverage antennas this coming winter. U.S. Air Force antenna maintenance personnel began replacing condemned rhombic antenna pole hardware on poles replaced in prior years.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

A complete review of bureau TCN payrolling and Contract Health Insurance payments was conducted after Headquarters pointed out that we had not been using the correct 2,087 hours per payroll year since April 1986, and had deducted the wrong amounts for CHI insurance also for 1986. Our MLC administrative assistant reconstructed all payrolls manually to correct the payroll, in preparation for deduction on the first payday in August. A review of CHI premiums produced correct figures in preparation for a refund to employees; happily, the CHI refunds seem to be about the same as the overpayments in payroll. Our computer program has been corrected with the right 2,087-hour payroll base.

B. Buildings and Grounds

1. The slow pace of final plans and bidding packages for the next phase of the bureau's housing renovation project, the 16 tin-roofed "GSWK" houses, means that we will be unable to use any FY87 year-end money for this project, since the Corps of Engineers advised that bidding could not possibly be solicited before 1 October. Construction continued on the new 3-bedroom duplex, where the main structure is complete and interior finishing work is going slowly due to delayed receipt of CONUS-procured windows and cabinets. Renovation began on the first of seven 4-bedroom single houses under the renovation contract awarded in August 1986, and we have made three houses available simultaneously to help the builder complete this contract by January 1988. ✓

2. The Bolo Point operations site has a new, conspicuous neighbor with the completion of an 83-meter steel tower for the microwave relay tower and repeater station built across the road by the U.S. Army Information Systems Command. The project is running about one year behind schedule. Underground conduit runs to connect the FBIS communications cables have been completed, but the Army's equipment building is far from complete or equipped.

IV. VISITORS

To the Bureau:

Col. Jerry M. Lowrance, new commander in chief, Japan District, Army Corps of Engineers; Lt. Col. Jerry L. Berry, Okinawa area engineer; Richard F. Torres, acting chief, engineer liaison for Okinawa Area Office; Tom Ushijima, chief, program planning for Japan District, and Wade Morikone, chief, construction division, Japan District, all on 21 July for a bureau orientation tour for Colonel Lowrance, who arrived in Japan in early July.



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OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 1,121,250
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 611,110
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 3,394

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	21,015 min.	19,065 min.	175.79 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh SPK in
 English

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CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	---
Beijing International Service to North America in English	2,080
Beijing International Service in Japanese	2,970
Beijing International Service in Mandarin	---
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	250
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	3,370
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	7,670
Beijing Television Service in Mandarin	560
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	1,570
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	2,310
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	5,460
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	8,860
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	8,370
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	10,400

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beijing HONGQI in Chinese			31,760
Beijing XINHUA in English		485,940	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		123,840	
Beijing BEIJING REVIEW in English			4,980
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			7,340
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			---
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			1,530
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			1,040
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			35,370
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			230
Miscellaneous Editorial Reports	2,260		
JAPAN			
Naha Radio NHK in Japanese	640		
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	10,150		
Tokyo JPS in English		3,130	
Tokyo KYODO in English		157,240	
Tokyo JIJI in English		4,370	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			2,290
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			5,710
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			7,540
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			2,760
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			4,670

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Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,130
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			5,100
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			860
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			8,630
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			2,500
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			720
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			4,240
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			500
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			320
 KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang KCNA in English		---	
 LAOS			
Vientiane KPL in English		---	
 MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		100	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		22,470	
 TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	7,620		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	3,790		
Taipei CNA in English		22,740	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			2,890
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			430
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			---

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLIC- CATIONS
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			---
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	10,830		
Moscow International Service in Mandarin	6,460		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	14,220		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	---		
Hanoi VNA in English		56,990	